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In the Application of
Kenji SATO

Serial No.: 09/928,663

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Group Art Unit: 2828

Examiner: Leung, Quyen Phan

For: SEMICONDUCTOR LASER AND SYSTEM FOR AND METHOD OF
PERFORMING DIGITAL OPTICAL COMMUNICATIONS USING SUCH
SEMICONDUCTOR LASER

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **June 19, 2003**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-15 are all of the claims currently pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, and 4-11 are currently amended to more clearly define the invention. New claims 14 and 15 are added. Claims 1, 2, 4-11, 14, and 15 are independent.

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EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.

	<u>AFTER AMENDMENT</u>	<u>PREV. PAID FOR</u>	<u>EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>FEES DUE</u>
Total Claims	15 -	20	= 0	x \$18.00	\$ -
Indep. Claims	12 -	3	= 9	x \$84.00	\$ 756.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$ 756.00

A check in the amount of \$756.00 is submitted herewith to cover the excess claim fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

Date: 9/17/03

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